



Lake City Union Church
March Newsletter

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake City Union Church is to praise and uplift God in all

From Pastor Randy

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish and it will be done for you”
(John 15:7)

Asking With Confidence

Most of us have faced the challenge of asking someone for something, afraid that we won't get it. We often practice what we will say, prepare ourselves for any questions they may have, and may even start to form a back-up plan in case their answer is, “No”. There are times that it seems like all we do is “ask” and await a response, only to repeat the process again.

On Ash Wednesday, March 5th, we begin the season of Lent. It is a time when Christians reflect on their lives, confess their sins claiming salvation in Christ Jesus, realizing all that God requires of us in service.

In the passage above from the Gospel of John, Jesus is preparing the disciples for what lies ahead. He is nearing the end of his earthly ministry and is entrusting the future to those called in his name. He promised to them the coming of the Holy Spirit and a continued presence with them in God's power. He will be the true vine and each of them the branches. What they must do is continue to offer prayers for all that they need. Jesus instructs them to keep asking.

These are great words for us, also. May we be in a continuous process of discovering what is required of us next and praying that God will provide.

Serving our Savior together,
Randy

Session Minutes

The session has voted to meet every-other month, so there are no session minutes to share for this newsletter. The next session meeting is scheduled for March 20th. The session members are: Make Best, Barb Linn, Becky O'Tool, Mary Reiter, Kevin Berry, Paul Jesse, Brittany Krause, Barry Stevens, Dana Morris, Jon Meyers, Kay Streeter, and Kendall Von Gla with Moderator Rev. Randy Russom.

Chairpersons for Committees include:

Kay Streeter, Memorial & Bequest

Barb Linn, Staff/Pastor/Parish

Kendall Von Glan—Buildings / Grounds & Mission

Paul Jesse, Support

Erin Blair, Worship & Music

Barry Stevens, Parish Life

Mike Best, Christian Education

David Willis, Investment

There is
neither Jew
nor Greek,
slave nor free,
male nor
female, for
you are all one
in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3:28 -



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May the God who gives
endurance & encouragement
give you
the same attitude of mind
toward each other
that Christ Jesus had
so that
with one mind
& one voice
you may glorify
the God & Father
of our
Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 15:5-6



UCW/Ruth Circle



March is a busy month for Ruth Circle. Our regular meeting is Thursday, March 6th at 1:30. Denise Jesse has the program and JoAnn Samuelson is the hostess. Miriam Hight and Janelle Pieters will conduct devotions at Accura on March 12th.

World Day of Prayer will be held at our church on Friday, March 7th at 1:30. All women of Lake City are invited.

On March 24th at noon we will be hosting the second Lenten Luncheon. We will be sharing devotions and a meal. Again, all women of the community are invited to join us.

Mission from Kendall Von Glan

In the LCUC newsletter last month, I mentioned that I would be traveling to Mississippi to do construction work. The first week in February, I was part of a 14 member group of Iowa Presbyterians that put our construction skills to work.

Two years ago, an EF4 tornado ripped through the middle of Rolling Fork, MS. The tornado destroyed the water tower, police station, fire station and care facility in Rolling Fork. Over half the homes in Rolling Fork were destroyed along with several businesses. Fifteen deaths were attributed to the tornado. What really complicates recovery and rebuilding efforts, is that Rolling Fork sits in the center of the third poorest region in the United States. I never would have given it a thought of how much more a disaster impacts those that are poor. If you rent a home, and it is destroyed, where do you go? If you own a home and it is underinsured, what do you do?

Our group brought new life back to the home of Ms. Angela. Siding repairs, paint, electrical, soffit and window repairs made her home better than it was before the tornado. We did small jobs on several other homes as well.

The Red Cross, FEMA and Samaritan's purse were long gone from Rolling Fork. But, still working in Rolling Fork were Mennonites, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians and Reformed Church members. Fifty new homes were going up that will be occupied and owned by people that once could only hope to rent a home. Truly, Christ's church is still at work in Rolling Fork.

This same group will be traveling somewhere next February. We even talked about going back to Rolling Fork. When the Pastor of the Baptist church was asked what the biggest needs were he said, "Prayers, volunteers and money." Think about going with us next year.

Prayer: Thank you God for all of us traveling safely to Mississippi and back, and being able to work safely. Thank you God for the skills you have given us and the work you give us. May all we do bring honor and glory to you.



Food Bank pick up is from 2:30 - 5:30 on the day listed below. If you are unable to make it on the scheduled day, you can pick up from 11:30 to 12:30 on the following Sunday.

The upcoming schedule is : March 13 April 10
 May 8 June 12

Thank You,
Mike and Kristi Jacobs & Paige and Mary Reiter

March Sermon Schedule

March 2nd Transfiguration of The Lord / Communion

Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35
New Testament: Luke 9:28-36
Sermon Title: *"To Be In This Place"*

March 5th Ash Wednesday

Old Testament: Isaiah 58:1-12
New Testament: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sermon Title: *"Be Reconciled!"*

March 9th First Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
New Testament: Luke 4:1-13
Sermon Title: *"From The Wilderness!"*

March 16th Second Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Psalm 27:11-14
New Testament: Luke 13:31-35
Sermon Title: *"The Foundation"*

March 23rd Third Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-9
New Testament: Luke 13:1-9
Sermon Title: *"One More Chance?"*

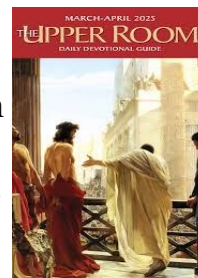
March 30th Fourth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament: Psalm 32
New Testament: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Sermon Title: *"Go Home!"*

Upper Room Devotional

The March / April Upper Room devotional guide is available to all.

These devotionals are located in the hallway across from the office. You may donate toward cost— place \$1 in the display or in the church office.



"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."

—Catherine Doherty

2025 Men's Lenten Breakfast

March 15 – Woodlawn Christian Church
March 22 – Lake City Union Church
March 29 – Lanesboro United Methodist Church
April 5 – Pilgrim Lutheran Church
April 12 – Knights of Columbus @ St. Mary's Catholic

All breakfasts will be served at 7:30 a.m. and a freewill donation will be accepted.

Church Women United Lenten Luncheons

A time of devotion and sharing a meal at 12:00 noon on:

March 17 Woodlawn Christian Church-
March 24 Lake City Union Church
March 31 St. Mary's Catholic Church
April 7 Pilgrim Lutheran Church

All women of the Lake City Union Church is invited to participate.



Church Service
Church Attendance

January 2	92
January 9	137
January 16	72
January 23	93

Facebook/You Tube
Households viewing

January 2	192
January 9	244
January 16	247
January 23	218

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL NEWS \$\$\$

Offering— January 5, 2025	\$1,862.00
Offering - January 12, 2025	\$7,579.25
Offering - January 19, 2025	\$2,580.63
Offering— January 26, 2025	\$1,745.00
Total Offering for Month	\$13,766.88
2024 Investment Income— 1/31/2025	\$5,000.00
2024 Contribution Income—1/31/2025	\$15,014.63
2024 Total Income thru— 1/31/2025	\$20,014.63
2024 Expenses thru – 1/31/2025	\$19,668.31
Net	+820.74

*Note: For further information, contact Paul Jesse or stop in the church office during office hours.

For March

Becky O'Tool
Kendall Von Glan



Reflection during Lent

During Lent, you can reflect on your finances by considering your spending habits, saving goals, and stewardship. You can also consider how you can align your financial goals with your values.

Consider your spending habits

- Consider how you spend your money
- Consider if you have a carefree lifestyle
- Consider if you are tempted by greed for easy money

Consider your saving goals

- Consider how you can save more money
- Consider how you can improve your financial literacy

Consider stewardship

- Consider how you can share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to help others
- Consider how you can create a legacy that reflects your values and beliefs

Consider your church's finances

- Consider if your church's income is stable
- Consider if your church has big bills coming
- Consider if one person is responsible for all of the church's finances

Consider how you can improve your finances

- Consider how you can budget
- Consider how you can give back to others

All Finance Reflections for Lent



Church
Office Hours

Mon. 7:30— 11:30
Tue. 7:30— 11:30
Wed. 7:30— 11:30
Thur. 8:00—11:00
Fri. Closed

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Short Daily Prayers for Lent

1. Adoration
2. Physical Blessings
3. Spiritual Blessings
4. Repentance
5. Right Priorities
6. Relationship with God
7. Increased Faith
8. Wisdom and Direction
9. Peace
10. Joy
11. Patience
12. Strength
13. Endurance
14. Growth
15. Generosity
16. Overcoming Temptation
17. Passion
18. Courage
19. Purpose
20. Transformation
21. Your Husband
22. Your Children
23. Your Parents
24. Friends
25. Acquaintances
26. Love for Others
27. Your Country
28. The World
29. An End to Suffering
30. Strength Against Satan
31. Spiritual Leaders
32. Political Leaders
33. Business Leaders
34. Cultural Leaders
35. More Kingdom Workers
36. The Sick
37. Those We Disagree With
38. Forgiveness for Others
39. Our Enemies
40. Easter

Youth / Gathering



YOUTH GROUP

The snowy weather has caused some bumps in the road, as we have had to cancel two weeks in a row. We feel fortunate that we have been able to run consistently up to this point and many days we have had outdoor time!

Third through sixth grades have been busy studying Moses. We have studied each segment of this story per week, spreading it out five weeks with review at the start of each week's lesson. Storyboards and lesson readings per their age help very much in retaining information! They repeat the story each week very well and "popcorn" off each other in excitement!

Seventh through twelfth grades studied the overall story of Moses and talked about 'choices' and how each decision we make plays a role in our lives. Also within our messages about Moses we had a lesson on 'being called' and what that could look like for all of us. The small group questions generate a lot of quality discussion per 5 groups.

Each class has fantastic leaders who teach, along with a staff that helps in the kitchen and hallways. The youth group would not be as strong as it is without everyone who volunteers and supports it in any way! We are very blessed!

THANK YOU!

*All those who supported our Box Lunch meal on Sunday, February 9. We served soup and Philly sandwich, along with a Valentine chocolate and cookie. Thank you Penny Carstens, Janet Daisy, and MaeLaan Magnani... along with the youth group students who helped! We appreciate all you did!

*Joann Samuelson for the many years of kitchen towel laundry! They always looked so white and were folded perfectly upon return! We appreciate all you have done, Joann!

*Mary Reiter for doing the kitchen towels laundry currently! Thank you, Mary!

*Maurine Thieszen for doing such a great job on the children's bags each week in church. They are used a lot and we appreciate all the time she puts into sorting, organizing, running off copies, and adding new items to the bags. Thank you, Maurine!

*Erin Blair for her talent and creativity in teaching the children at church Scriptures in song and dance. Thank you, Erin!

*MaeLaan Magnani for organizing, creating, and teaching the Children's Church lessons, also along with Erin Blair and Georgia Wiederin for help in teaching. Thank you!

We have a lot going on in youth education and are looking to expand into more learning opportunities!

In gratitude,

Janelle Nesbitt, Youth Coordinator





Prayer Page



Prayers for Healing / Recovery

Jim Potts
Cyndi Arnold
Marsha Berry



Easter Flowers

Easter is a celebration of life. To fit that joy, beauty, and life, flowers have been ordered to create a flower tree. Dollar donations are welcomed. Please contact the church office or use the sign-up sheet available in the narthex of the church.

Easter is April 20 this year.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ACCURA RESIDENTS

*Marj Baumann
Eileen McCuen
Mary Ellen Seufferlein*

GARDEN VIEW-CARROLL, IA

Carol Eichhorn

AT HOME-PASADENA, MD

Daryl Crandall

ST. ANTHONY'S MEM.

CARE CENTER

Linda Yttredahl

TWILIGHT ACRES

Brenda Russom

MADRID, IA

Jan Schubert

AT HOME

Bev Lamberty

Bonnie Stone



March 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Stated Presbytery Mtg @ Battle Creek
2 9:30 am Choir 10:00 am Worship / Communion 11:00 am Called Session Mtg 11:00 am Fellow- ship	3 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	4	5 Youth / REACH 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Union 215 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	6 11:00 am Mission 1:30 pm Ruth Circle	7 1:30 pm World Day of Prayer	8
9 9:30 am Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellow- ship DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	10 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	11	12 10:00 am Op Liv- ing—Randy 1:30 Accura Devo- tions—Ruth Circl Youth / REACH	13 FOOD BANK	14	15
16 9:30 am Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellow- ship 11:30 Food Bank	17 8:00 am Session Packet Deadline 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study @ Union 215	18 10:30 am Accura Service—Randy 4:30 pm Calling / Caring @ Fireside	19 Youth / REACH 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ Union 215 7:00 pm Choir	20 7:00 pm Session Mtg @ Fireside Room	21	22 7:30 am Men's Len- ten Breakfast
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